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THE WAR CLOUD STILL HOVERS OVER EUROPE

Russia Courts Any Kind of Inquiry of North Sea Incident.

England is Said to Want to Stop the Baltic Fleet-- Other Versions of Affair.

THE HOPE OF EUROPE IS STILL FOR PEACE

London, Oct. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent says that Russia has agreed to an investigation being held at Vigo, where the Baltic fleet will remain until the conclusion of the inquiry. Twenty days are allowed for the investigation.

ADMIRAL GETS ORDERS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—It is stated that Admiral Rodjensky has been ordered to detain his ships at Vigo.

Paris, France, Oct. 28.—It is reported in diplomatic circles that England's real object is to have an excuse for stopping the Baltic fleet, and possibly bringing Germany and France into the Russian imbroglio.

It seems apparent that ample opportunity has been afforded England for accepting Russia's assurance of reparation, without the demonstration of mate that has been made apparent on part of England. If this should prove to be true, it will go a long way to plunging Europe into the war that was predicted by many when the Russo-Japanese conflict began.

It is freely predicted that England, war or no war, will find some sort of excuse to stop the Baltic fleet.

HOPE FOR SPEEDY SETTLEMENT.

London, Oct. 28.—The Russian embassy issued the following statement today: "We are in constant communication with the British government and as a result of these communications the embassy hopes there will be a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The whole aspect of the situation has decidedly improved."

INDICATES PEACE.

London, Oct. 28.—The cabinet held a long meeting today and as the ministers left at the close, they were chatting and laughing, indicating a peaceful settlement of the dispute with Russia had been reached. Just before meeting, Count Benicendorff, the Russian ambassador, had a long conference with Lord Lansdowne. No official announcement of the result of the meeting was given out.

HEADED WESTWARD.

London, Oct. 28.—A dispatch says that the British Cruisers, Lancaster, Suffolk, Doris, Hermes, Endymion and Thesus left their heading westward. It is believed their destination is Tangier. Another dispatch says that the Cruisers have gone to Vigo.

SWEDEN PROTESTS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—A protest has been received from the Swedish government regarding the firing upon the steamer Aldebaran by a Russian cruiser last Friday night.

ENGLAND WILL DO HER DUTY.

London, Oct. 28.—The Times, in a leading editorial today, declares that full redress will be obtained from Russia, and that England will do her full duty.

London, Oct. 28.—Reuter's states that England's demands upon Russia are that unless satisfaction is given concerning the punishment of officers of the Baltic fleet who fired on the fishermen, the fleet will not be allowed to proceed beyond Tangiers.

RUSSIA WANTS INQUIRY.

London, Oct. 28.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Count Lamsdorff, has notified the British ambassador, Sir Charles Harding, that Russia desires to immediate inquiry at Vigo regarding the firing on the British fishermen by the Baltic fleet.

RUSSIA INSISTS IT IS TRUE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The naval general staff publishes the following two dispatches from Rodjensky:

"The North Sea incident was caused by two torpedo boats advancing to attack without lights under cover of dark-

ness against the vessel leading the detachment. When the detachment turned on its search light and opened fire the presence of several small steamboats resembling steam fishing boats were discovered. The detachment endeavored to spare these and ceased firing as soon as the torpedo boats were out of sight.

"The English press is indignant because the torpedo boats left by the detachment on the spot until morning did not aid the victims. Now there was not a single torpedo boat near the detachment and none was left behind; consequently the vessel remaining near the small steamboats was that torpedo boat which was not sunk, but only damaged. The detachment did not aid the little steamboats because we suspected them of complicity on account of their obstinately cutting into the order of positions of our vessels. Several of them showed no light and others only very late."

Second dispatch:

"Having met several hundred fishing boats, the squadron showed them every consideration except when they were in company with foreign torpedo boats, of which one disappeared, while the other, according to the fishermen's own evidence, remained among them until morning. They supposed it was a Russian boat and were indignant because it did not assist the victims; but it was foreign, and remained until morning, seeking the other torpedo boat, its consort either to repair damage or through fear of betraying itself to those who were not its accomplices. If there were also on the spot fishermen imprudently dragged into the enterprise I beg in the name of the whole squadron to express my sincere regret to the unfortunate victims of the circumstance under which no warship, even in a time of deep peace, could have acted otherwise."

THE FISHERMEN DENY.

London, Oct. 28.—Rodjensky's statements are declared at Hull to be absolutely inaccurate. The fishermen declare it can be proved that there were no Japanese torpedo boats in the vicinity of Dogger Bank. They assert that the Baltic squadron was thirty miles out of its proper course, with the result that the vessels steamed into the midst of the trawlers; and this is the only foundation, they assert, for the allegation that the transport Anatol was surrounded by unknown vessels.

COPENHAGEN'S STARTLING REPORT.

Copenhagen, Oct. 28.—A correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the Danish ministry of marine was informed that several ships were chartered by the Japanese at Hull and intended to attack the Russian squadron in the North Sea. The Russians were informed of this. Marine authorities here credit the report.

The Danish ministry was officially informed that thirteen Swedish vessels had been chartered by the Japanese to attack the Russian squadron in the Baltic. A Danish cruiser and torpedo boat watched the vessels so closely that their approach to the Russian squadron was impossible.

While thus engaged the Danish torpedo boat Havsten had a narrow escape, the commander of the Russian battleship mistook the Danish torpedo boat for the enemy and fired a blank shot. The quickness of the torpedo boat in displaying its flag saved her. This happened at night time. When the captain of the torpedo boat boarded the battleship he found large quantities of ammunition piled ready for use. This incident was reported to the Danish marine minister at the time. The Danish warships acted as police for the Russian squadron until after the latter reached the North Sea.

BRITISH DECKS CLEARED.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28.—Ships of the British channel fleet cleared their decks yes-



IN CLEVELAND'S CLASS.

terday afternoon. It is rumored the whole fleet, with the exception of the battleship Chesler, will steam westward today with the alleged purpose of making a sham attack against the Rock of Gibraltar.

Several torpedo boats left Tangier fully equipped. Work at the arsenal is proceeding under high pressure. A division of the Mediterranean fleet, comprising six battleships, all the armored cruisers and twenty torpedo boats is expected today.

BALTIC FLEET STILL AT VIGO.
Vigo, Oct. 28.—Notwithstanding the report emanating from Madrid, vessels comprising the Baltic fleet have not left port. It is reported the vessels will sail today, but this is doubtful, as repairs to the engines of some of the warships are uncompleted.

CONTROLS ALL.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Oct. 28.—A worship law has just been promulgated placing all the clergy and their properties under control of the government and forbids the entrance into this country of religious communities. The law declares that only Ecuadorians can be archbishops or bishops, and it forbids the establishment of new religious orders.

SENTIMENT AT PARIS.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The gravity of the Anglo-Russian situation excites the most serious consideration at the foreign office here and in governmental quarters generally.

Official advices from St. Petersburg indicate that Russia is desirous of making amends, but is not desirous of being forced to a precipitate conclusion.

A leading official said: "Russia does not want to be placed in the same category as Turkey, who is compelled to accept what the foreign powers dictate." The tone of the French press continues fairly calm, although all the papers agree that the situation is susceptible to the gravest possibilities.

GERMAN DIPLOMACY.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—The attention of German diplomacy is centered upon what the French government intends to do, or perhaps has already done, in the British-Russian affair. France seeks to prevent Great Britain from pushing her claims to a point where Russia will be humiliated, and is also advising Russia to offer adequate satisfaction immediately.

While most of the newspapers avoid editorial discussion, breathless interest is felt by the public regarding the developments of the next twenty-four hours. The press partly indulges in optimistic hopes, reflecting the government's views. Others, like the weighty Kreuz Zeitung, regard the situation as extremely grave, since the negotiations must proceed with unprecedented rapidity, because otherwise the Russian squadron will get beyond reach.

Great Britain's demands for the punishment of the guilty officers, while recognized as just, greatly complicates the situation for Russia, since yielding means the recall of the squadron for a

HOPKINSVILLE NEXT

K. of P. Lodge to Meet There-- Officers Elected.

Ten New Lodges in the State During the Year.

Franklin, Ky., Oct. 28.—Yesterday's contributions to the K. of P. home amounted to \$2,000, increasing the fund to \$25,000. H. C. Dumont, from the First district; A. C. Green, from the Second, and John C. Thompson, from the Third district, were elected members of the board of control of the home. The grand lodge, Rathbone Sisters, was organized as an auxiliary to this lodge.

Louisville representatives filed a statement on the account of the cost of the biennial convocation held at Louisville, which showed \$6,900 deficit. The lodge refused to pay any part of this shortage.

Ten subordinate lodges were instituted in the state this year, three new lodges of the Uniform Rank were chartered, and three defunct lodges were revived. Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the Uniform Rank drill next year. Hopkinsville is the place and the second Tuesday in October is the time fixed to hold the next meeting.

Grand Lodge officers were elected as follows: Grand Chancellor, W. T. Scherman, of Carrollton; Grand Vice Chancellor, T. G. Stewart, of Winchester; Grand Prelate, M. H. McLean, of Covington; Grand Master of Exchequer, Jule Plummer, of Covington; Grand Master of Arms, George D. Young, of Louisville; Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, J. W. Carter, of Owensboro; Grand Insignier, O. H. Pollard, of Jackson; Grand Overtourner, C. P. Sanders, of Franklin.

long investigation. Although war is not believed to be imminent, Great Britain's positive course and Russia's hesitation create a situation that may give France a deciding influence. Should France inform either government that hostilities in this instance would be a contingency covered by the Russo-French treaty, such an interpretation must affect enormously the relative attitude of Russia and Great Britain.

One danger of the situation is that Russia may be taking this occasion to test the reality of her alliance with France, whether indeed this alliance now is more than general good will. France has the strongest reasons for avoiding a test of the alliance, while Germany naturally would like to see the alliance prove nothing more than paper.

France is regarded here as having in M. Cambon, her ambassador in London, her ablest negotiator, and he is already striving to compose the differences. So far as guarantees that no similar incidents will occur, Russia, it is believed here, is ready to offer assurances, and says that she can do no more.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

IS MADE PUBLIC

In Which He Explains to Gen. Tyner.

Says Tyner May Have Not Been Guilty of the Charge For Which He Was Tried.

GUILTY OF WRONG, HOWEVER

Washington, Oct. 28.—The letter which was sent to Judge James N. Tyner, assistant attorney-general for the postoffice department, in behalf of the president, in answer to one sent by the judge to the president, June 11, 1904, asking him to "right the great wrong" which he declared the president had unwittingly done him in using certain statements reflecting on his official conduct in transmitting papers to congress in connection with matters disclosed in Mr. Bristow's report, has been made public by Holmes Conrad, who has charge of the prosecution of the so-called frauds in the postoffice department. The letter is as follows:

"White House,
"Washington, June 24, 1904.
"Sir—I am directed by the president to say that your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to him, was received and referred to the department of justice for inquiry into the statements therein, and for such report as the facts ascertained might appear to require.

"A report has been received from the department of justice and considered by the president, who further directs me to inform you that the facts disclosed in such report abundantly confirm the views as to your official conduct heretofore expressed by him in his message to congress, prepared after three indictments had been presented against you by a grand jury, and warrant the action, in your removal from office, and do not allow him to withdraw the expressions or annul the action. The president naturally shrinks from saying anything that will diminish any comfort you may have derived from the verdict of the jury, but he is advised that you were not tried for the wrong-doing to which he referred, but conspiracy with Barrett to do the wrong, which he is advised is a wholly different matter, as one may be guilty of wrong and not guilty of conspiring to do so. Yours respectfully,

"WM. LOEB, JR.,
"Secretary to the President."

AGENT IN PADUCAH.

W. D. Benton, of Louisville, a special insurance agent for the Sun Fire Co. of England, was in the city today on business. He is looking over the inspection and reports of Inspector Barrett who made an electrical inspection here several months ago and never thoroughly completed it.

ALL EYES CENTER ON PORT ARTHUR

Gen Stoessel Said to Despair of Saving It.

The City Reported Suffering From Another Fire—Little Severe Fighting Is Reported.

LATEST FROM THE FAR EAST

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—It is reported here that Gen. Stoessel, in command of Port Arthur, has abandoned all hope of holding the port against the attacks of the Japs. It is said he sent a telegram to the czar saying, "I now bid you good-bye forever. Port Arthur will be my grave."

ARE WITH US.

Buda Pest, Hungary, Oct. 28.—In the lower house of the Hungarian diet Francis Kossuth, president of the independent party, introduced a resolution calling on the premier to urge Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to support any diplomatic action on the part of the United States tending to put an end to the bloodshed in the far east.

FOR BALTIC FLEET.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—Six more colliers have been chartered at Flensburg to transport coal for the use of the Russian second Pacific squadron.

AT PORT ARTHUR

Chefoo, Oct. 28.—A Chinese junk just arrived from Port Arthur brings the information that minor engagements are occurring nightly. Japanese shells found lodgement in several Russian war ships. The garrison aggregates ten thousand men, and is clothed in last winter's uniforms.

HEADED FOR EAST.

Madrid, Oct. 28.—A telegram received from Vigo states that the Russian fleet which arrived there yesterday, departed today for the far east.

PORT ARTHUR AFIRE.

London, Oct. 28.—A dispatch to Reuter's from Tokio says that it is reported there that the Japs have made another assault on Port Arthur, and during the assault a shell exploded in the magazine and the city is said to be in flames. The dispatch also says that the Russian battleship Sevastopol was damaged and a Russian cruiser sunk.

FLEET PASSES SOUTH.

Dover, England, Oct. 28.—Two cruisers and eight torpedo boats passed southward today.

HEARST REBELS

COMES OUT AGAINST THE DEMO- CRATIC MANAGEMENT.

New York, Oct. 28.—The tremendous outburst of republican enthusiasm at the Hay meeting has encouraged New York republicans, who predict that Parker's plurality in the city will not reach 75,000. That the democrats are frightened is shown by Parker's decision to stump made after the official announcement that he would not reconsider his first intention of silence. The Parker itinerary in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut is not disturbing the Roosevelt managers.

Hearst's New York American yesterday contained a vicious attack on Cleveland, Olney and Belmont, and says the anti-trust campaign with these men on the stump is absurd. It declares that for every three republican votes Cleveland will gain, he will drive away a thousand good democrats. The article has caused a sensation in democratic headquarters.

A BIRTHDAY SUPPER.

Mr. John Sanders, of Eighth and Clark streets, celebrated his birthday last evening with a nice supper for a few of his friends. Those present were Patrolman John Austin and wife, Capt. John Slaughter and wife and son James, Jas. Vance and family. A nice time was spent and the guests wished Mr. Sanders many more birthday suppers.

MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

New York, Oct. 28.—J. Wyman Jones, millionaire owner of mines and railroads in Missouri, died here last evening, aged 88.

OLD GROVER SAYS HE CAN'T SPEAK

Withdraws His Promise to Talk for Parker.

Blaze In New York Damages Brook- lyn Bridge and Costs Over Half a Million.

MURDERER IS ELECTROCUTED

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 28.—Former President Cleveland announced last night that he has been obliged to reconsider his promise to speak at the democratic mass meeting in Cooper Union, New York, November 2.

\$600,000 NEW YORK FIRE.

New York, Oct. 28.—Fire this morning destroyed the forty-second pier of the Brooklyn bridge, and the steamer City of Palermo and considerable merchandise. Loss, half a million.

ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER.

Columbus, O., Oct. 28.—Louis Harmon, one of the trio of robbers who murdered George Geyer, a farmer near Alton, Ohio, more than a year ago, was electrocuted in the penitentiary shortly after midnight.

TRAIN KILLS TRAMPS.

St. Paul, Oct. 28.—A Milwaukee passenger train collided with a freight at Minnieska last night. Two tramps are reported killed, and Express Messenger Allen injured.

THE CHARITY CLUB HAS REORGANIZED

Miss Emma Reed Resigned as the President.

A New Set of Officers Was Elected at Today's Meeting.

MUCH WORK IS PLANNED

The Charity club met at the Palmer House this morning at 10 o'clock, and organized for the winter.

Miss Emma Reed, who has been the efficient president for two years, handed in her resignation, and notwithstanding the great pressure brought to bear, refused to reconsider. The following officers were then elected:

Miss Faith Langstaff, president.
Mrs. Roy McKinney, vice-president.
Miss Ethel Morrow, secretary.
Miss Elizabeth Sinnott, treasurer.

New chairmen for the six districts were appointed, and it was decided that officers would only serve for one year after this, as the work is very arduous.

Mrs. John W. Scott was made chairman of the committee working from Kentucky avenue to Tennessee street.

Mrs. Will Minnich, chairman of the district from Seventh street to Rowlandtown.

Mrs. Fannie Allard, chairman from Tennessee to Broad street.

Mrs. John W. Keller, from Kentucky avenue to Victoria Mills.

Miss Emma Reed, chairman of the Rowlandtown district.

Miss Myrtle Decker, chairman of the Mechanicsburg section.

The club will meet again on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Palmer House with the ministers of the city to plan for the winter work. This will be a public meeting and everyone is cordially invited and urged to be present.

A move is now on foot at Louisville to organize a state association of charities in order that the clubs in various cities may work in harmony, and accomplish more.

It is intended to hold a meeting in Louisville Monday and organize, but the local club has not yet been asked to act on the proposition.

It is thought that state organization can accomplish a great deal that is not now accomplished.

It is easier to test the Bible by your logic than it is to test your logic by its laws.